(c) if so, from which date and whether it is daily; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indian Airlines has commenced operation of thrice weekly A-320 service on Delhi- Bhubaneshwar-Delhi route with effect from 15th July, 2000. Due to non-availability of spare A-320 aircraft capacity, it is not possible to provide a daily A-320 service on Delhi-Bhubaneshwar-Delhi route at present.

Airports near residential areas

†1720. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to construct those airports which are situated near residential areas in the far away places in view of the air crash occurred near Patna Airport;

(b) if so, the number of such airports togetherwith the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In case of many old airports, residential areas have developed nearby-over a long period. However, necessary rules relating height restriction etc. are enforced in giving 'No objection' to such development so that safety of civil aviation operations is ensured. As such, there is no danger to civil aviation operations in such airports. Therefore, there is no plan to shift such existing airports to far away places.

Investment in Air India by foreign airlines

†1721. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign airlines have been allowed to invest in Air India;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.